

MEETING OF THE CITY OF RUSHVILLE, INDIANA COMMON COUNCIL

APRIL 2, 2019

6:00 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER: The Common Council of the City of Rushville met on the above date and time at 270 W 15th Street, Rushville, Indiana. Mayor Pavey called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

PLEDGE TO THE FLAG: The Pledge to the Flag was recited by those present.

PRAYER: Councilman Berkemeier led those present in prayer.

ROLL CALL: Bob Bridges, Brian Conner, Craig Smith, Brad Berkemeier, Gary Cameron, and Megan Bradley, Student Advisor answered roll call. Also present were City Attorney, Tracy Newhouse, and Kraig Younts, *Rushville Republican*.

MINUTES: Cameron moved to approve the March 19, 2019 minutes as presented. Berkemeier seconded the motion. Motion carried.

MAYOR'S REPORT: Mayor Pavey reported the following:

1. Dave Julian has completed the mark ups but we have not yet received them.
2. The former city hall building has been demolished.
3. The City has been awarded \$710,860.00 in Community Crossings funding.
4. The Board of Works voted to ask for a variance for the Main Street streetscape cross slope at the Farmer's Market. ADA wants it at 2% ours is at 6%. The slope varies all along this area.
5. Met with the Utility Board regarding the recent rust issue. It was due to a high volume of water. A sprinkler system was turned on by one of our industries stirring up the water. We are working to identify rusty issues and why they happen.
6. We will have the dedication of our City Center this Thursday at 6:00 p.m.
7. We have been asked to speak at the Great Lakes Regional Conference for OCRA.
8. We are going to be repairing a line between Diana Court and Cathy Court. A neighbor has given us permission to go across their property.

CLERK-TREASURER'S REPORT: Clerk-Treasurer Copley informed Council that the latest State Board of Account's audit is now on the SBOA website for review. It is for the year 2016. Council President Smith noted that there were a couple of comments that were minor and said he would like to congratulate Copley and her staff for doing a good job.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Smith informed Council that the email he sent to Council is being handled by the attorney.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- **Stellar Designation** – We are working on the Main Street punch list.
- **Amphitheater/Park Board** – Nothing.
- **Marketing** – Nothing.
- **APC/BZA** – Nothing.
- **City Center** – Nothing.
- **Cherry Street Extension** – Nothing.
- **Brownfield Grant** – Nothing.
- **Housing** – We are having conversations regarding developer backed bonds.
- **ECDC** – John McCane stopped at Project Columbus' headquarters in Ireland and had a conversation with them.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:

Street – Commissioner Miller said they have been cutting trees down at the levy.

They put up new stop signs at 2nd and Morgan. They have also put up new signs at 3rd and Morgan.

They are taking sidewalk applications.

The Board of Works hired Dakota Rains at \$10.00 per hour not to exceed 29 hours a week.

Police – Chief Tucker reported that they are installing a new internet based phone system. We will also be able to text to 911 in the near future.

Tucker said he reviewed minutes from November 18, 2003 regarding the streets at Flatrock Village Apartments. He said there was discussion regarding the street dedication, but could not find anything further. Copley said she looked at the minutes and also through the Ordinances and Resolutions and did not find anything stating that they were dedicated streets. We will start the process to dedicate the streets.

Fire – Chief Jenkins said the Board of Works hired B. J. Sierverding to fill the position of firefighter.

He also informed Council that one of the ambulances is now in service and the other one is getting the power load system installed.

Park – Park Director Burklow reported that this Thursday the Hoosier Youth Challenge kids will be helping to clean the pool.

They have fertilized the parks. They are preparing to turn on the water at the outside facilities.

He will be attending a pool and spa certification class.

They have been working out the kinks on the trailer. Olin Durbin has been checking it out to see what is going on. Smith said Ron Cameron has indicated that he will make it right. Smith said Cameron is working with us. Bridges asked about the additional 2 year warranty. That has not been agreed to as yet.

Animal – Animal Warden Cottrell handed out her March report. They had an intake of 36 city cats; 15 county cats; 9 city dogs and 21 county dogs. They euthanized 33 animals. She said there has been a huge jump in unadoptable cats. She is trying to educate the community regarding spaying and neutering cats. She is trapping in 8 locations within the City.

She will be submitting a proposal to restructure from a dog pound to an animal shelter in the May meeting.

CITIZEN CONCERNS/COMMENTS: None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. **Ordinance 2019-3 – Amending Chapter 91 Animals** – Bridges moved to approve Ordinance 2019-3. Berkemeier seconded the motion. Motion carried.
2. **Animal Shelter Self-Funding Resolution** – Cottrell explained that she will begin placing adoption fees into the non-reverting fund and use this to cover costs for vaccines, etc. Bridges said he is very impressed with what Cottrell has done. The shelter is more professional than it has ever been. Smith said we have a better handle on what is going on. He said the last Vet report was the best he has seen.
3. **Street Lights South of Town Phase I** – Duke not come back yet with a proposal.
4. **Bids/Proposals for 335 W 4th (Grain Bin)** – No bids have been received. Newhouse said we will negotiate with adjacent property owners.
5. **214 E 2nd (Cupp) Survey and Appraisals** – We are getting surveys and appraisals.
6. **Stellar – Taff Building RFP** – Newhouse is putting together RFP.

7. **Utility Board Leak Protection** – Serveline will give a presentation to Council at the May 21st meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **Ordinance 2019-2 Rezone 607 W Water** – The Plan Commission gave a favorable recommendation. Smith made a motion to approve Ordinance 2019-2. Cameron seconded the motion. Motion carried.
2. **Easement Acceptance – Re-Plat for Laker/City of Rushville** – Smith moved to approve the easement for the re-plat of the Laker/City property. Bridges seconded the motion. Motion carried.
3. **Animal Shelter Update** – The Board of Works approved the purchase agreement for the trade of acreage between the City and Laker. Newhouse said it is an even trade. Newhouse said we may need to come back for an easement. Berkemeier made a motion to confirm the transfer of properties. Smith seconded the motion. Motion carried.
4. **Resolution 2019-10 Add Job Titles to INPRS** – Bridges moved to approve Resolution 2019-10. Berkemeier seconded the motion. Motion carried.
5. **Campaign Quarters and Windsor Negotiated Assessment Agreement** – Berkemeier said he should have something ready for the next meeting for approval. Assessments have been done by Mary Ann.

UPCOMING BUSINESS:

1. **Housing Bonds** – The developer will buy 1st round of bonds around April 16th.

CLAIMS: Berkemeier moved to approve the claims as presented. Cameron seconded the motion. Motion carried.

ITEMS NOT KNOWN IN ADVANCE – Councilman Bridges said Megan Bradley sent photos of a water issue around the football field and the Ag building. It was tough for the kids to walk through sometimes due to the flooding water. Mr. Vance will propose that they get together with the City regarding road work that needs to be done to help this issue.

Councilman Smith said he wanted to publically thank Councilman Berkemeier for his work with the Assessor on the Wal-Mart property.

ADJOURN: There was no further business to come before Council; Berkemeier moved to adjourn. Smith seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 6:43 p.m.